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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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INVOLVEMENT OF NGOS IN SPREADING LITERACY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any NGOs are involved in spreading literacy in the country;

(B) IF SO, THE DETAILS IN THIS REGARD;

(C) WHETHER IT IS A FACT THAT NO AWARDS OR RECOGNITION IS GIVEN TO NGOS FOR THEIR WORK; AND

(D) IF SO, THE REASONS THEREFOR ALONGWITH THE STEPS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN TO REVIEW THIS SITUATION?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(A) YES, SIR.

(B) UNDER THE "SCHEME OF NLM SUPPORT TO NGOS IN THE FIELD OF ADULT EDUCATION" NGOS ARE PROVIDED 100% FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ADULT LITERACY. REGISTERED VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES, PUBLIC TRUSTS AND NON-PROFIT MAKING COMPANIES IN EXISTENCE FOR 3 YEARS OR MORE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME. PRESENTLY 74 NGOS ARE BEING FUNDED IN 22 STATES UNDER THE SCHEME.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC RESOURCE SUPPORT TO LITERACY AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, STATE RESOURCE CENTRES (SRCS) ARE ESTABLISHED. PRESENTLY 25 SRCS ARE FUNCTIONING IN THE COUNTRY. MOST OF THE SRCS ARE RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

Jan Shikshan Sansthans are also set up under the aegis of non-governmental organizations. They offer a largenumber of vocational training programmes. The Government of India provides annual lump sum grant to these institutes. Presently 106 Jan Shikshan Sansthans are functioning in 21 States and one Union Territory.

(c) & (d) On the occasion of International Literacy Day (8th September) recognition is accorded to those NGOs which make outstanding contributions to literacy.